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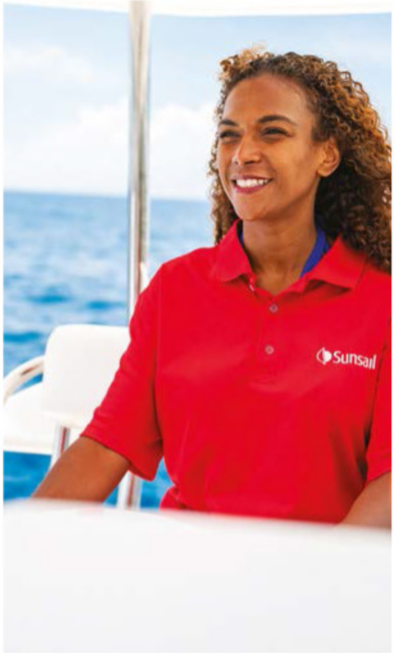

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Charter has been booming since travel restrictions were lifted and people grabbed the chance to get afloat in the sun while they could. That looks set to continue throughout 2023. And the charter industry is more flexible and welcoming than ever, with even greater options, whatever kind of sailing you want to do, wherever you want to go. A race charter in steady Caribbean tradewinds with friends? A couple's escape in the Greek islands? A skippered, family break on a spacious catamaran with some training included? You'll find plenty of options for these and more.

And don't miss the competition on page 34 – our partner Dream Yacht Worldwide has a generous prize up for grabs. Throw your hat in the ring and see where you end up!

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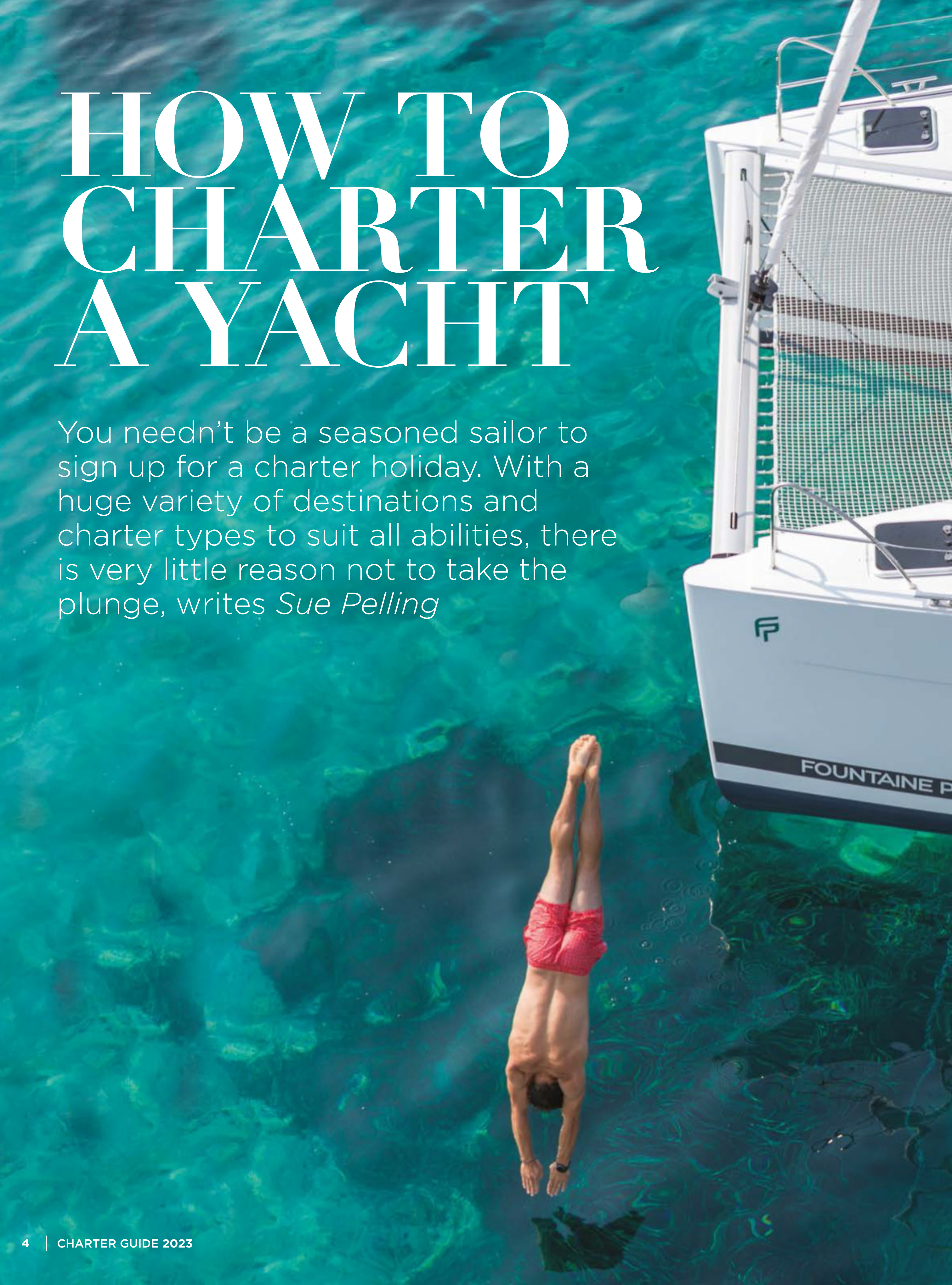
HOW TO CHARTER A YACHT

You needn't be a seasoned sailor to sign up for a charter holiday. With a huge variety of destinations and charter types to suit all abilities, there is very little reason not to take the plunge, writes *Sue Pelling*



Scouring the websites is often the first step you'll take when considering a charter holiday and there is plenty of information available. Ironically, it is the vast choice that can be bewildering so it is important to think about what you want before you start.

If you are a charter first timer or newcomer to sailing, it pays to narrow down the search by understanding your own requirements – such as who you are travelling with, and the type of holiday you all want. You'll also need to consider the experience you and your group can muster.

TYPES OF CHARTER EXPLAINED – WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Bareboat charter means you hire the entire boat and have the freedom to sail anywhere without restrictions. The skipper however, does require relevant qualifications, which are explained in the information box overleaf.

Skippered charter – as the name suggests – is where your yacht comes complete with a skipper, relieving you of the responsibility for navigating or sailing.

Crewed charter means the yacht comes with both a skipper and a crew/hostess/cook, arguably offering the ultimate in luxury and relaxation.

Flotilla charter is where you and your party hire your own boat, but sail in the company of other yachts under constant supervision. An experienced and qualified flotilla leader will organise your itinerary and help you make the most of this social and relaxing holiday. If you don't have the relevant qualifications or experience to take charge of the yacht though, you'll still need to hire a skipper.

Stay and Sail holidays mean you can combine a one week beach club dinghy sailing or windsurfing-style experience, followed by a week aboard a flotilla, crewed, skippered or bareboat charter yacht.

By the Cabin means you don't hire the boat, just a room (cabin) on board, and it's a popular option if you want to just turn up and go sailing, particularly as an individual. Since the pandemic, however, some companies have suspended this option in order to minimise interaction between households.

WHERE SHOULD YOU GO?

Travel restrictions allowing, the Mediterranean, particularly Greece with its ideal climate and vast cruising ground for all levels of ability, is and will always be, a popular playground for yacht charter, but the 'discovery' of new unspoilt regions in recent years has opened the doors to charter holiday companies. In particular, the Adriatic Sea located between the eastern coastline of Italy and the coastline of countries of the Balkan Peninsula (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania), has become a new buzz cruising location and there are increasing numbers of holidays offered to charterers in these waters.

Thanks to an increase in more regular direct flights in recent years, the Caribbean is also a popular choice with places like Antigua, the British Virgin Islands and St Lucia offering plenty of charter options for sun lovers.

The call for more exotic and far-flung locations appears to be on the rise too, which is why so many charter companies are now operating in places like Thailand, the Seychelles, Australia, the Bahamas and Tahiti.

Check out further options including the UK and northern France, the Canary Islands and Scandinavia in our Destination Guide section starting on page 14.

Relax and take it easy, you're on holiday...

WHAT IS THE COST OF CHARTERING?

Yacht charter sounds expensive to the uninitiated, but when you compare it to the cost of renting a villa somewhere exotic, it begins to looks reasonable.
Prices vary widely, but six friends could charter a 34ft Jeanneau Sun Odyssey in Croatia or Greece in low season for little more than £1,000 for seven days, or £1,200 to £1,500 in the BVIs or Puerto Rico in the Caribbean.
A 50ft+ catamaran in Grenada in the Caribbean, with six en-suite double cabins, could be yours from just under £7k – again in low season. Depending on location you can add up to 40 per cent for peak season charters, and another £1,200pw for a skipper. You'll also have to factor in flights, food and spending money,

WHICH COMPANY TO USE?

Although finding a good deal for your charter holiday is key, it is also important to find the right deal, so the more research you can do the better. Signing up with big global companies like Dream Yacht Charter and Sunsail generally offers quality assurance and peace of mind, but it is worth checking out smaller companies, some of which are family businesses.

Global players including Dream Yacht Worldwide, Sunsail, GlobeSailor, Helm, The Moorings and others offer a huge choice, some of the best deals, and their yachts should be maintained to a high standard.

Specialised independent companies such as Sail Ionian, Tenrag, Seafarer, Sailing Holidays and Yacht Getaways offer good, friendly advice and generally staff members (both on and off the water) are passionate about ensuring the holiday meets your expectations.

Private bespoke charter companies such as Atlas Sailing, which is run by a husband and wife team, are worth looking at too because they are generally dedicated to deliver a first class service. Also, because small companies like this rely on positive customer feedback, they remain committed to provide the ultimate holiday experience.

Web aggregators are good for finding the best last minute deal for bareboat charters. Companies such as latesail.com, sailchecker.com, borrowaboat.com and boatbookings.com do the searching according to your requirements. Although these are essentially online portals, these companies understand how important it is discuss your needs so give them a ring before you commit. The Plainsailing website covers bareboat charter in the Mediterranean as well as the UK and offers live pricing on its site, which means what you see is what you get.

DO YOU NEED ANY PRIOR SAILING EXPERIENCE?

There is no requirement to have prior sailing experience to go on a charter holiday and, if you are keen to give it a go, it's the ideal opportunity to learn a new sport.

If you are already a keen sailor but want to improve your skill or gain some valuable experience then sailing in a group on a flotilla, under supervision of a qualified instructor, is a really good option. You might also like to consider improving your skill further by signing up for a course to qualify as a yacht skipper (see information box below).

To help match your experience to the right holiday options, we suggest that beginners and improvers without a skipper qualification should choose from – Flotilla (with skipper), Crewed, or By the Cabin charters.

GET QUALIFIED ON HOLIDAY

Although you don't need to be qualified to go on a charter holiday, having a certificate that allows you to skipper a yacht independently gives you the freedom to come and go as you please – and charter pretty much anywhere in the world.

If you are keen to take on the challenge and gain that vital qualification to skipper a yacht then there couldn't be a more idyllic opportunity than to combine a yacht charter holiday with a suitable training course.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED AS SKIPPER

We asked Richard Falk – RYA Director of Training and Qualifications – to sum up what you need.

FLOTILLA

While you do not need to be hugely experienced to take a flotilla holiday, someone on board needs to be comfortable handling the boat and have basic sailing skills. These may be obtained through prior experience or alternately through familiarisation courses offered by most flotilla companies.

BAREBOAT

In most countries outside of Europe the RYA Day Skipper qualification is recognised and accepted as evidence of an individual's competence to skipper a boat for the purpose of a bareboat charter. However, within Europe more and more port authorities are requiring charterers to hold what is known as an ICC (International Certificate of Competence).
This can be applied for through the RYA on the basis of already holding an RYA issued course completion certificate of RYA Day Skipper or above. Alternately, sailors with plenty of experience but no qualification can undertake an ICC direct assessment through an RYA-recognised centre. RYA qualifications are widely recognised having been around for more than 50 years. For the avoidance of doubt over what qualifications you need, particularly following Brexit, which has seen some changes to what individual countries require, it is always wise to seek advice from the company from which you are chartering. This should be done well before your charter so you have time to meet the requirements.

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BAREBOAT OR CREWED?

Deciding on a bareboat or crewed charter holiday is dependent not only on your sailing experience, but also on how much involvement you want.

If you and your group have little sailing experience, or you don't have the relevant qualification to skipper a yacht, then you'll need to sail with a skipper and/or crew.

If you are qualified to skipper a yacht (see information box on page 6) then of course you are free to choose. Even if you are adequately qualified, there are plenty of reasons why you might still prefer a crewed or skippered charter. A skipper bringing local knowledge and boat-handling skills, and a crew handling the catering and other chores, can turn a regular charter holiday into something altogether more luxurious and stress-free. It's a holiday, after all!

Bareboat charter gives you freedom to explore on your own (above); while (below right) having an experienced crew look after you is no bad thing

SKIPPERED/CREWED CHARTER FAQS

Who will your skipper be?

A fully qualified, experienced sailor who'll take charge of the yacht, sailing, and navigation.

Where do they sleep?

In a dedicated cabin.

Do you eat and socialise with them?

It is not expected that you socialise with skipper or crew, but you are welcome to – they're generally interesting company!

What about tipping?

A guideline amount is around 15-20% of the skipper fee but it is generally left to your discretion. Tipping around £100-200 is normal but there is definitely no obligation.

Can you use the skipper as a harbour taxi driver?

Yes, a skipper will use the tender to transfer you ashore.

What else can we expect?

The skipper/crew will share their local knowledge as much as possible – great for restaurants, tours and sightseeing.

BAREBOAT vs CREWED

BAREBOAT

PROS

- Freedom to discover and explore your own new cruising grounds
- Privacy with just friends and family onboard
- Design your own itinerary
- Fit in as many overnight stays and daytime anchorages as you please
- Set your own pace
- No pressure. Make the most of every destination you visit by staying as long as you like
- No one extra onboard to cater for
- A good opportunity to 'test drive' different yachts
- A chance to put navigation skills to the test

CONS

- Full responsibility for yacht/crew
- Need to plan your own voyage/itinerary (although some charter companies offer help with this)
- Unless you stick to a rigid itinerary you may miss out on visiting places of interest
- No help with navigation or advice on the best spots to visit/avoid
- One less person to help with mooring and boat handling
- Miss out on social, fun interaction with charter skipper

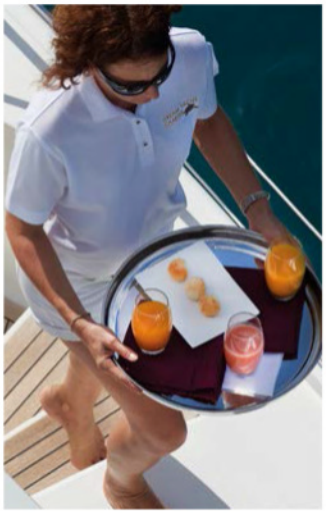
CREWED

PROS

- The ultimate floating hotel where you are the sole guests
- Opportunity to sit back, relax and be waited on
- No provisioning to deal with
- No responsibility for yacht
- Opportunity to learn to sail under supervision
- Own personal tour guides

CONS

- Less privacy
- More expensive than bareboat
- You need to charter a large enough yacht to accommodate crew



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MONOHULL OR MULTI?

The decision to go for a single hull yacht (monohull) or a yacht with two hulls (multihull/catamaran) depends entirely on the type of charter holiday you choose.

Generally speaking you'll find most flotilla fleets are monohulls, while skippered/crewed charters may often involve multihulls.

Given the demand to provide the 'best of both worlds' in terms of yacht design for the charter sector, there have been some significant recent developments that have resulted in a brand-new hybrid-style of monohull yacht – like the Jeanneau Sun Loft 47.

Designed with input from Dream Yacht Charter, the Sun Loft 47 is based on the already successful Sun Odyssey 490. A new style layout below provides space for six double cabins, plus a skipper's cabin, which makes it ideal for by the cabin or skippered/crewed charter without compromising performance.

LIVING ABOARD

Most charter yachts are designed for purpose and fitted with all the essentials such as a television and a super-equipped

A multihull has ample sailing performance for most charter breaks, while the latest monohulls can accommodate big groups

MONOHULL VS MULTIHULL

MONOHULL

If you are looking for style and performance, particularly in bigger winds and seas, then the monohull is generally the preferred option. Because the shape of the hull is narrow compared with the multihull, the keeled monohull is able to cut through the water at better angles and therefore provide more efficient sailing performance upwind.

PROS

- Offers the ultimate sailing thrill.
- One hull is better suited to the most widely available marina berths.
- Good selection to choose from and generally available for all types of charter.

CONS

- Limited number of cabins, which means if you have a large group, or you need to sign up crew, it all becomes a bit cosy.
- If you or members of your group are less familiar with sailing, or have restricted mobility, you'll find the monohull challenging when it heels in windy conditions.
- The deep keel controls how far inshore you go, which means options for exploration and anchoring in shallow areas can be limited.

MULTIHULL

Multihulls by their very nature (two hulls) are by far the best choice if space is a priority. As well as the huge deck and cockpit area (which is typically the platform connecting the two hulls), space below is enormous with great headroom and separate cabins to accommodate big groups/families.

PROS

- Complete crew/guest separation in terms of living space, which is ideal for crewed charters.
- Wide and beamy design offers fantastic offwind performance and therefore plenty of opportunity to reach downwind destinations in super-fast time.
- Shallow draft to explore and anchor in areas off limits to monohulls.
- Stable, which is good if you are unaccustomed to sailing or have limited physical ability.

CONS

- Two hulls means less opportunity to find space in busy marinas, and berthing costs are often higher.
- The large amount of freeboard (hull above the water) creates more windage and the lack of ballasted keel means you are likely to experience leeway when manoeuvring, particularly at slow speeds in strong winds.

galley for entertaining. You'll also find plenty of areas on deck and below in which to relax and enjoy your holiday.

Your choice of yacht and charter specification will however dictate what is included onboard when it comes to features such as entertainment equipment and air-conditioning. Before you book ensure the yacht you choose includes all your essential requirements. If internet access is important to you for example, check Wi-Fi is included and the sort of range/coverage you'd expect.

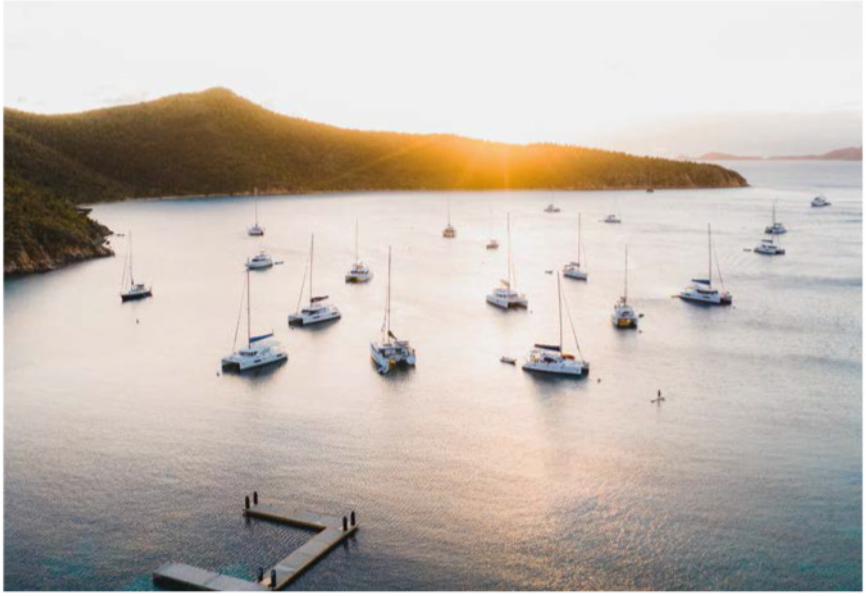
The location of the galley for food preparation may be important if you, or a member of your group, is doing the cooking. On a multihull it's generally on deck level, which means it's light, bright and very social, which is particularly good during the day when everyone else is on deck.

SLEEPING/HEADS AND SHOWERS

The twin hull design of the multihull means there is double the space of a monohull of similar size, which means it can accommodate more than twice the number of guests. You'll usually find a multihull catamaran follows a similar layout format with the cabins and heads/shower rooms located in each hull and the galley and saloon utilising the vast platform area that joins the two hulls.

Ideally then, if you have a large family/charter group, a 45-55ft multihull is your best bet because with up to six to eight cabins and similar number of heads/shower rooms, there's even room for a crew to have their own designated quarters.

On a monohull, there is less space for so many separate cabins but most have a master suit in the forepeak or aft, and there are usually a couple of extra double cabins, with a minimum of three cabins.



Top: a monohull can still offer you plenty of space

SAILING AND BOAT HANDLING

Charter yachts have generally been specifically selected and tweaked to ensure they are fit for purpose. The launch of new designs such as the Jeanneau Sun Loft 47 (above) is a sign that not only is the charter industry responding to demand, but also indicates the development of charter-friendly yachts over the next few years is likely to continue. Most charter yachts are production one-design yachts, which means each specific design is identical. Also, once set-up and tuned, a fleet of the same design will essentially sail at the same speed on any given point of sail. A keeled monohull will heel under sail power, which means you and your crew will need to be more active particularly when it's windy.

ON THE HELM

On the helm, you'll find the monohull responds quicker than on a multihull so therefore it is easier to manoeuvre through the tacks. The fact the multihull offers a more stable platform and is generally easy to handle means it is suitable for any competent sailor. It is also highly manoeuvrable under motor power, which makes docking and mooring in light airs relatively easy. However, if you are a seasoned monohull sailor, you will have to get used to the huge beam of the multihull and its slower pace through the tacks.

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BALEARICS CANARY ISLES & SPAIN

CANARIES

All-year-round sun, dramatic scenery and exciting sailing in the Atlantic, plus the islands have great marinas and facilities

Expect typical Mediterranean conditions in southern Spain – ideal in spring and autumn, but either lively or flat calm in summer. It can often get stormy off the Balearics in October, but there are always plenty of places to seek shelter.

Cruising the rugged and diverse Canary Islands is great in the UK winter or summer; the islands are fascinating by boat and inland, with world-class marinas and challenging sailing if you want it; the famous wind acceleration zones between the islands can catch out the unwary, but don't be put off. There is plenty of easy cruising in these islands.

The beautiful Balearics have long been a favoured destination for British holidaymakers, and the islands of Majorca, Minorca, Ibiza and Formentera are at the heart of Spain's charter industry, with many of the country's charter companies based there.

Located approximately 60 miles from the Spanish mainland, the Balearics are arguably best appreciated by yacht. Away from the bustle and crowds of the main tourist resorts there are literally hundreds of small bays and anchorages to enjoy. It's not quite the wilderness, as plenty of other boaters will be enjoying the scenery too, but the vibe is one of tranquilty and relaxation. That's unless you happen to moor in one of Ibiza Town's marinas, from where you can sample the vibrant nightlife which has made the island (in)famous.

Alternatively, find your way to one of the 360 beaches, explore caves and 8,000-year-old archaeological sites, or discover the Cabrera Archipelago Maritime National Park to commune with whales and dolphins.

Palma in Majorca is a sophisticated place to get into the swing of things before exploring the stunning coastline, with coves and harbours surrounding these islands.

The island of Minorca is generally more laidback than Majorca. If you choose to charter in the area, and if you get a chance to sail to the north of the island, make sure you don't miss the characterful whitewashed fishing village of Fornells.

A long way further south, off the coast of Morocco, lie the Canary Islands – most notably Gran Canaria and Tenerife. Due to their latitude, the sailing season in the Canaries extends throughout the year. That makes it the perfect destination for a winter break, and still only a few hours from the UK. Just be aware that strong winds and swells can make for exciting sailing.

Spain's other cruising regions include Catalonia, Valencia, Andalusia, and Murcia on the Mediterranean side, and the rugged Galician coast on the Atlantic side.

Flights to southern Spain from the UK are among the most affordable out there, just one reason why chartering is this area is so attractive. Flights operate from all parts of the UK and once you've landed many charter operators offer connections from airport to yacht.

WINTER FUN

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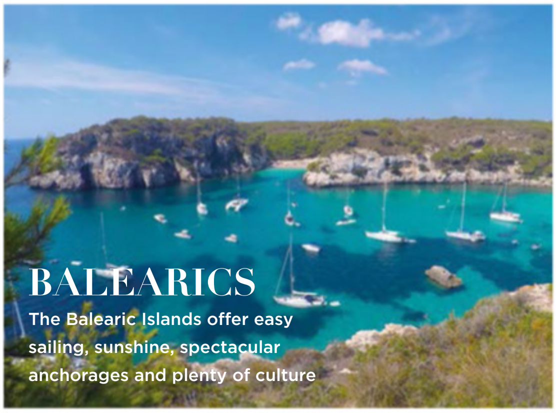


BALEARICS

The Balearic Islands offer easy sailing, sunshine, spectacular anchorages and plenty of culture

ITALY

SARDINIA, CORSICA & FRENCH RIVIERA

SARDINIA

Can get windy and rolly, but the anchorages are hard to beat

There are many wonderful cruising grounds in Italy, but most of the charter activity is in the south, in places like the Tuscan islands of Elba, Capraia, Pianosa, Giglio and Montechristo. Head down to the Bay of Naples and the dazzling islands of Capri and Ischia are a short hop away, as well as the ports of Positano and Sorrento. They're glamorous but very expensive in high season.

The Maddalena Archipelago on Sardinia's north-east corner offers great coastal sailing and scenic anchorages, while the best areas of Sicily for chartering are the northern coastline and the Aeolian Islands just off it.

Don't ignore the Adriatic, where you can pick up a local charter yacht and enjoy the coastline up as far as Venice and Trieste – experiencing a grand arrival by yacht along the Lido with Saint Mark's Basilica as a backdrop.

Over on the French Mediterranean coastline, marinas are often jam-packed and even some of the protected anchorages along the coast have limited space. Saint-Tropez, Antibes and Monaco on the Rivièra are the best places for glitz and glamour, but ferociously expensive. The Isles d'Hyères – a group of islands near the mainland town of Hyeres – are a cost-effective alternative to the Côte D'Azur, with good anchoring, and a marina in Porquerolles.

Corsica offers peace, tranquillity and exciting sailing and you can also be sure of a warm welcome ashore. Nestled between the south of France and Sardinia, this rugged island with its 600-plus miles of coastline, and hundreds of miles of fine white sandy beaches has charter bases in Calvi, Ajaccio, Bonifacio and Macinaggio. The west coast from Cap Corse to Ajaccio is the place to head for. Drop the hook near the Réserve Naturel de Scandola and you may spot seals and dolphins.

Italy and its islands have mostly fine weather from April to September. In the height of summer a calm in the morning can often develop into a strong afternoon breeze and because the water is fairly shallow, you'll find a short chop will appear. The Strait of Bonifacio between north Sardinia and Corsica, around the Aeolian Islands, and in the Strait of Messina between Sicily and the mainland are known for big winds. Sicily's north-west tip can be lively too.

The south coast of France, including Corsica, is usually mild in April, May and September, but the Mistral can blow continuously for two to three days across the Gulf of Lion.

BREEZE

Afternoon winds can be stronger in this part of the world; it can pay to get going while conditions are easier

POSITANO

A famous coastline and a lively scene ashore and afloat

VENICE

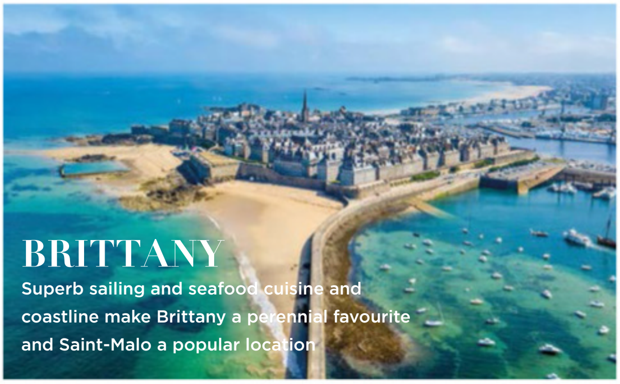
Well-placed marinas take you away from the crowds

Mainland Italy and the south of France present no difficulties when it comes to making travel plans, with regular low-cost flights from all parts of the UK. Sardinia and Corsica are just as well served. All their airports welcome flights from London and UK regional airports.

N.EUROPE FRANCE & SCANDINAVIA

COPENHAGEN

A major sailing base and a lovely place to charter from



BRITTANY

Superb sailing and seafood cuisine and coastline make Brittany a perennial favourite and Saint-Malo a popular location

DUTCH CANALS

Magnificent barges and beautiful canals, but watch your draft

SCANDINAVIA

Dramatic, bracing and welcoming

With some of the finest sailing in Europe, northern France is a popular destination for experienced sailors.

When the rules allow, Brittany is a magnet for British sailors, thanks to its multitude of harbours and anchorages, many of which offer fantastic opportunities ashore to sample the delights of the regional seafood, cider and crêpes.

In southern Brittany, Quiberon Bay is littered with charming places to anchor or tie up on the quayside. The Morbihan inland sea is a fantastic cruising area too, and the region is home to many prehistoric sites, as well as plenty of scenic bays, creeks and coves.

From the spectacular fjords and remote islands of Norway to the pretty traditional Swedish villages in the south, Scandinavia is also an emerging destination for discerning sailors.

From the grand old city of Stockholm on Sweden's east coast, there's a chance to explore some of the 24,000-plus islands and islets that make up the world-famous archipelago.

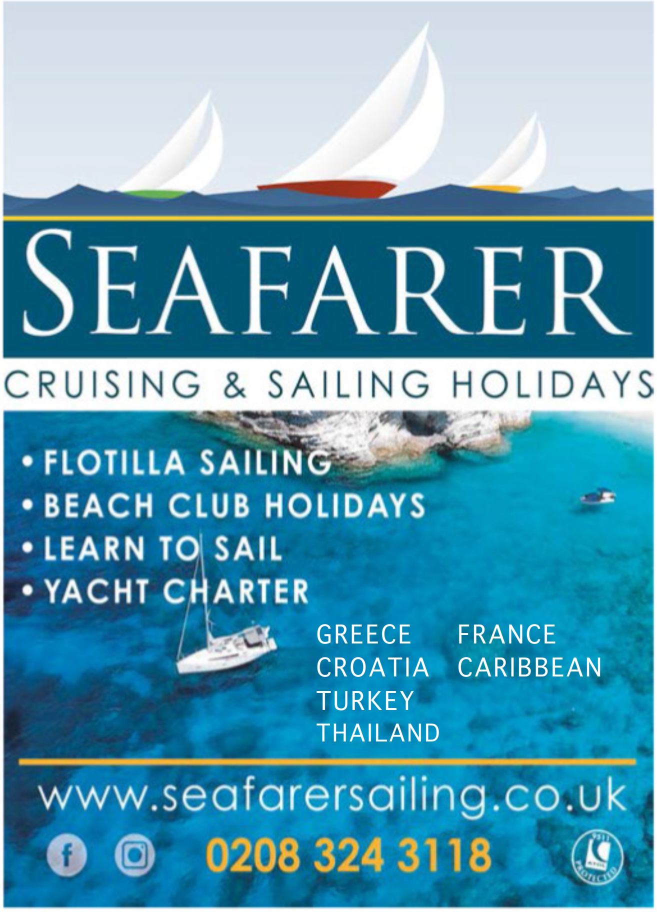
With its pretty traditional fishing villages, rocky island-strewn coastline, sparkly clear water, and a host of natural harbours, Gothenburg on the west coast of Sweden is an equally delightful sailing area.

The Baltic Sea and and Gulf of Bothnia charter region is becoming more and more recognised, with Helsinki, Finland, a good starting point in which to enjoy cruising the Archipelago Sea between Hanko in the east and the Åland Islands in the west.

The demand for charter holidays in Norway, especially along its west coast and the fjords, is growing too. With more and more holidaymakers seeking thrills and adventure, Tromsø is a popular starting point for a Northern Lights charter, while Bergen is good for the cruising areas between Tananger and Trondheim.

The main airports serving Brittany are located in Rennes and Nantes, with other smaller airports in Brest and Dinard. All handle flights from a number of UK cities. Gothenburg and Helsinki airports are well connected to the UK, while Bergen and Tromsø have seasonal flights from Gatwick.

Conditions on the Atlantic side of France are excellent from May to September, but watch for Atlantic swells at either end of the season. June to September is the sailing season in Scandinavia but three hours of darkness in the height of summer means long days. In June the average maximum day temperature in Stockholm is 20°C, and the average wind speed is 12-14 knots from the west, with the chance of an afternoon sea breeze that can typically reach 15-20 knots. However, sailing between the fjords in Norway can be gusty, and experience is advisable.



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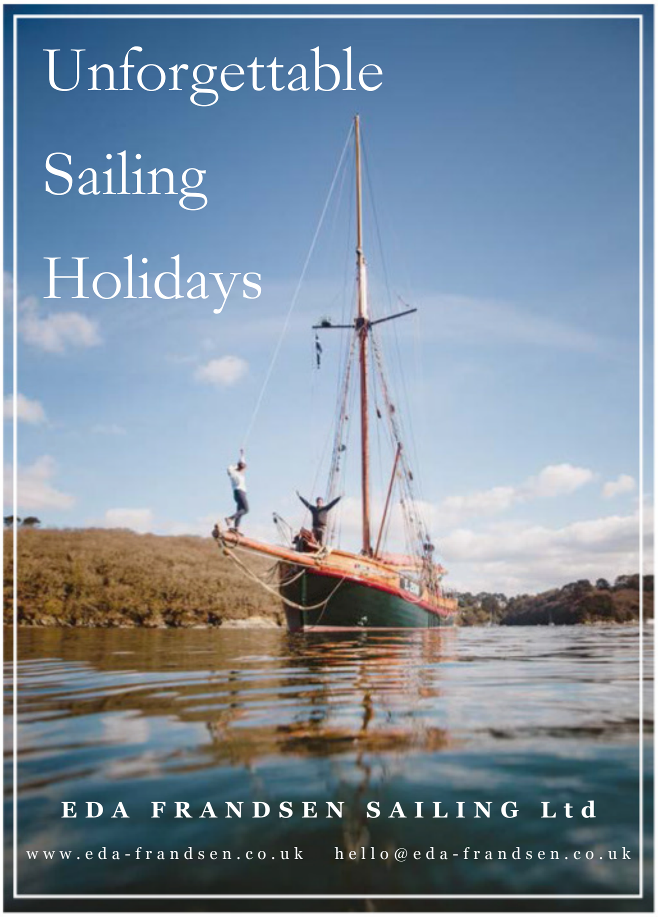

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From the isolated creeks of the east coast to the jaw-dropping scenery of the Scottish islands, the UK offers plenty of varied sailing to inspire the stay-at-home charterer – and for many people now chartering in home waters is more attractive than ever before.

With its tides and tidal streams, there's no doubt UK waters are more challenging for inexperienced sailors, but planning and successfully executing an inshore passage together is half the fun.

The Solent and south coast is the main sailing hub, blessed with lovely anchorages, rivers and marinas and supported by a large number of charter companies based around Hamble, Lymington, Cowes (Isle of Wight), Portsmouth and Gosport. However, you can find yachts to charter in almost any marina in the country, with a quick internet search.

From the Solent, head east to Chichester Harbour, a conservation area with five marinas, or head west and you'll find the natural harbour of Poole and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.

Wales is a popular destination thanks to major marina developments, and a yacht is the best way to explore Scotland's west coast, especially in the spring and summer when conditions can be ideal. Stunning mountain backdrops set the scene and there are endless places to drop anchor and take in the beauty and solitude. Or visit the off-lying islands of Skye, Mull, Islay, Jura, Bute for the obligatory wee dram.

Ireland has a dramatic Atlantic coastline with sheltered harbours, scenic loughs and plenty of excellent charter opportunities. The southern coast of Ireland is noted for excellent seafood.

SCOTLAND'S WEST COAST

Staffa, one of hundreds of islands to visit

Spring, summer and early autumn are the busiest times with the south coast benefitting from a slightly longer season than further north. Scotland and Ireland are usually better in late spring, when it's often remarkably sunny and the midge count is down!

NORFOLK BROADS

Norfolk Broads offers the perfect holiday under sail

PORTSMOUTH

The start and finish of many charters to venture across the Channel

In 2023 a UK charter is likely to remain a popular option; shove as much kit as you can in the back of the car and drive there! Travel restrictions allowing, a flight to Scotland or Northern Ireland may be a quicker option if you're chartering there.

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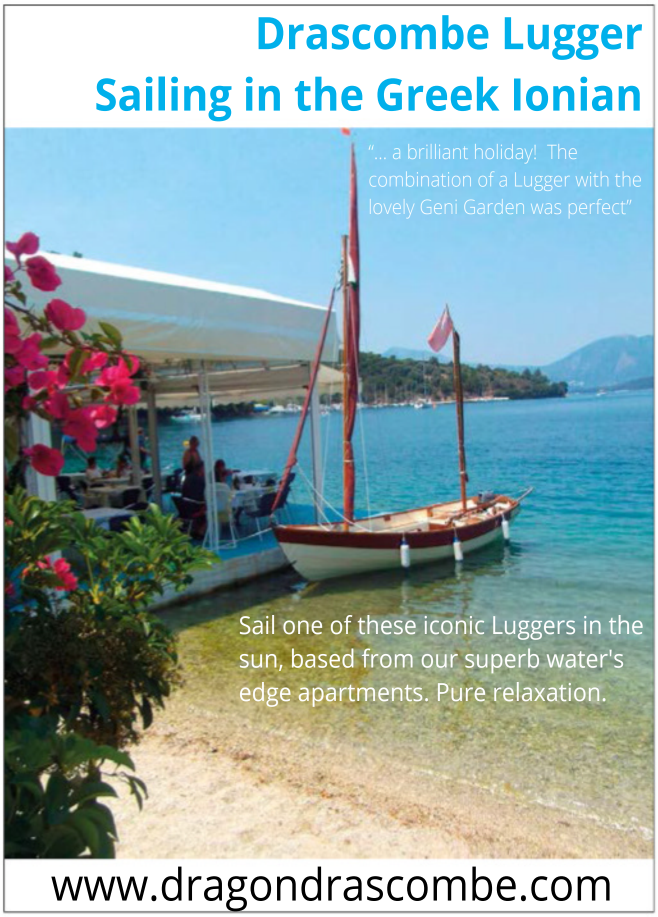

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ZAKYNTHOS

Navagio beach lies on the coast of this well-known island and is rightly celebrated for the astonishing colour of the water

IONIAN ISLANDS

A peaceful start to the day

Greece is not the place for winter sun. Any sailing between November and March is a gamble. Rainfall in the summer is negligible, but there can be a couple of dodgy weeks in September or October. Temperatures are consistent, ranging from the low 20s in May and October through to the high 30s in July and August. From April, things settle down and the Ionian is noted for its predictable winds: calm in the morning with 15-20 knots from 2pm until sundown. The Saronic Gulf has moderate winds and in the Aegean you'll feel the power of the Meltemi from mid-May to September.

Greece was at the sharp-end of the flotilla and charter culture in the 1970s, and it's still a much-loved favourite. And no wonder, because not only does Greece boast a range of sailing conditions and opportunities to suit all levels of experience and pockets, but it does so in a region of stunning coastlines, translucent turquoise anchorages, great food and epic culture.

When travel restrictions allow, Greece is also extremely well-served by budget airlines – in fact it has more than a dozen international airports – and there are easy connections to all the major charter bases. With around 6,000 Greek Islands and more than 9,000 miles of coastline, there's always somewhere new to visit even for island-hopping regulars, and the industry is so well-established in the region that it's very well prepared to cater for all types of sailors and their budgets. If you're looking for a cheap boat in a friendly flotilla, a skippered yacht or a bareboat, then Greece will deliver.

From the sailor's perspective, the region is split into six main areas – the Ionian Sea, the Saronic Gulf, the Cyclades, the Sporades and Dodecanese, the Northern Sporades, and Crete. The Aegean Sea lies to the east of Greece, and the Ionian/Peloponnese to the west.

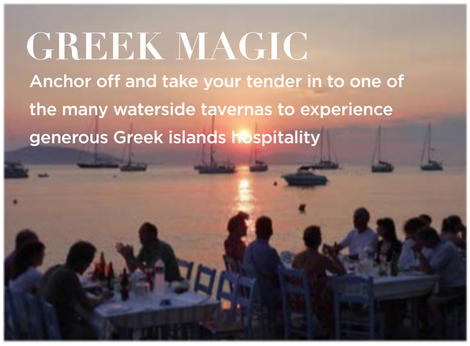
Wind conditions vary considerably but generally get stronger as you head eastwards across the Aegean. So, for relaxed cruising consider the short leg/island-hopping option in areas such as the Ionian, Saronic Gulf and Peloponnese. The islands are just far enough apart to enjoy a good sail, while allowing plenty of time to enjoy the stunning anchorages, beaches and taverna culture.

For more of a challenge the Aegean, Dodecanese in the south-east, or even Crete are a good option because the longer passages between the islands – sometimes 30-40nm – can take the best part of a day to sail depending on weather conditions.

The climate in May, June and September is ideal because it tends not to be too hot, the winds are generally tame and the anchorages sparsely populated. July and August are the hot months and the winds more sporadic. The season continues until early October, when the water is the warmest but the weather less predictable.

Northerly winds known as the Meltemi occur in the summer months and can reach up to 30kts in areas like the corridor between the Dodecanese and Cycladic islands – which could be unsettling for novice crews.

With so much choice, it's sometimes hard to know where to go on a Greek sailing holiday, but there are a multitude of charter operators big and small who will be happy to share their knowledge and advice.



GREEK MAGIC

Anchor off and take your tender in to one of the many waterside tavernas to experience generous Greek islands hospitality

Preveza Airport serves the Ionian islands and is convenient for the main charter base of Nidri, but flights may be cheaper to Kefalonia in the south or Corfu. You can fly to Athens Airport, close to the massive charter base of Lavrio, or search for flights to Rhodes, Kos, Samos and Crete.

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CROATIA & MONTENEGRO

HVAR ISLAND AND TOWN

Secluded spots can be found on many of the offshore islands

The Adriatic boasts more than 1,000 miles of delightful coastline, and with fascinating history and culture to uncover, it's no surprise that places like Croatia and Montenegro are attracting so much interest from charterers.

Beyond its palm-fringed shores and the backdrop of lush mountain scenery, little Montenegro is filled with ancient architecture and associated history. The medieval coastal towns of Budva and Sveti Stefan are jewels of the Adriatic, and the convoluted coastline means there are innumerable secret and unspoiled bays and anchorages to discover.

Montenegro's Boka Bay World Heritage Site is a sunken canyon that's the largest natural harbour in the eastern Mediterranean; 65 miles of coastline twists inland from the Adriatic on the southern edge of the Dalmatian coast.

Croatia has much to offer too, and although there's much to see the Krka waterfalls are definitely worth the cruise 12 miles upriver to the small marina where a tour boat will take you the rest of the way. That's in north Croatia, and if you're heading to the south of the country then Split and Dubrovnik are the main cultural highlights. There are also plenty of smaller villages and towns to explore on the nearby islands of Brac, Havar, Korcula and Mlijet, where the pace of life is more laid back and relaxed.

In between the two regions, central Croatia offers the Kornati National Park, which is a cruising paradise for more experienced sailors with its 89 islands floating in crystal blue waters. It's a rocky seascape though, and an amount of care is required to navigate the reefs.

Nearly all Croatia's off-lying islands are delightful, particularly those off the Dalmatian coast, where you can nearly always find somewhere uncrowded to drop anchor and enjoy the peace and quiet or a gentle swim.

Although this part of the Mediterranean is pleasantly warm in summer, it's not as hot as the eastern Mediterranean and often has better winds. The season is similar to the Cote D'Azur and western Mediterranean, late April to late September, but it is worth noting that in August the area is popular with Italian holidaymakers, and marinas and anchorages can become extremely busy. The season runs from early May to late October, but it can get chilly in May and October. August has fine weather but also crowded marinas and anchorages.

MONTENEGRO

Old town of Kotor, Montenegro

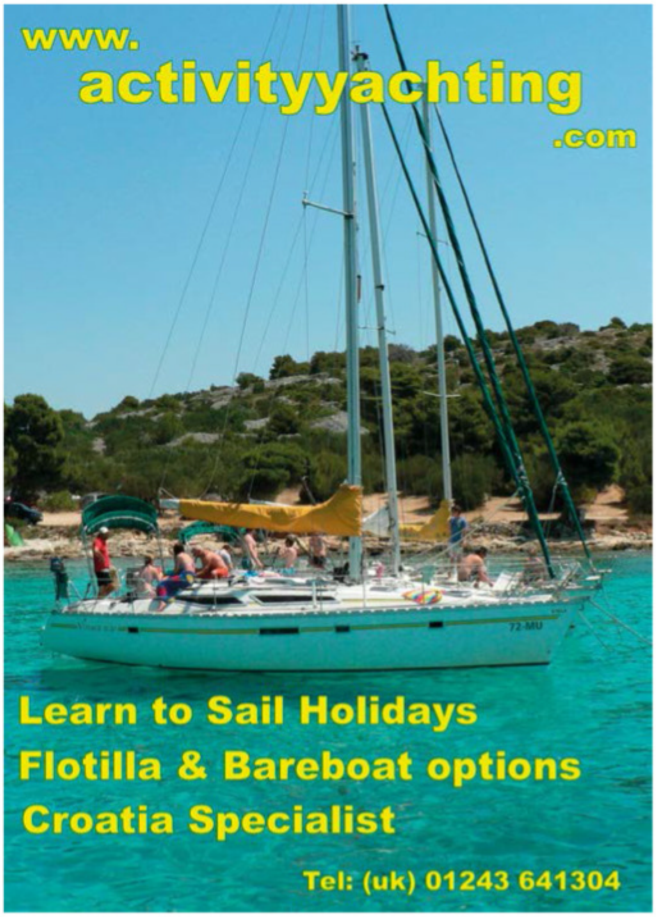
DUBROVNIK

16th Century stone walls encircle the port of Dubrovnik.

Croatia has five international airports: Rijeka on the island of Krk in the north, Zadar, Split, Dubrovnik and Zagreb. All apart from the last are conveniently located very near to yacht chartering hubs.

CROATIA BEACHES

Probably Croatia's most famous beach, Zlatni Rat, Brac



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TURKEY

IN WITH THE CROWD....

The Turkish coast has plenty of charter operations - and cheap ones, too

You can expect eight or nine hours of sunshine a day and temperatures in the low to mid-20s even in April and October. In July and August, the temperatures can soar in to the high 30s. The Meltemi can often take charge in afternoons in high summer, bringing winds of Force 7 from the N or NW. It is less prevalent in off-season. The area around Bodrum generally enjoys more gentle breezes.

Turkey lies at the point where east meets west. The finest sailing here is down south around Marmaris and Bodrum. Here you can enjoy miles of coastline that, at times, seems cluttered with Roman and Byzantine ruins. Sailors have been chartering yachts in Turkey for several decades now and it has a network of charter bases and flotillas.

If you are looking to extend your cruising season to the absolute maximum, this is probably the place to go, as you are so far south that you generally get a couple more weeks of reliable sunshine compared to Greece. The favoured starting points of Marmaris and Bodrum give opportunities for plenty of island hopping, while Gocek and Fethiye let you explore Turkey's coastline.

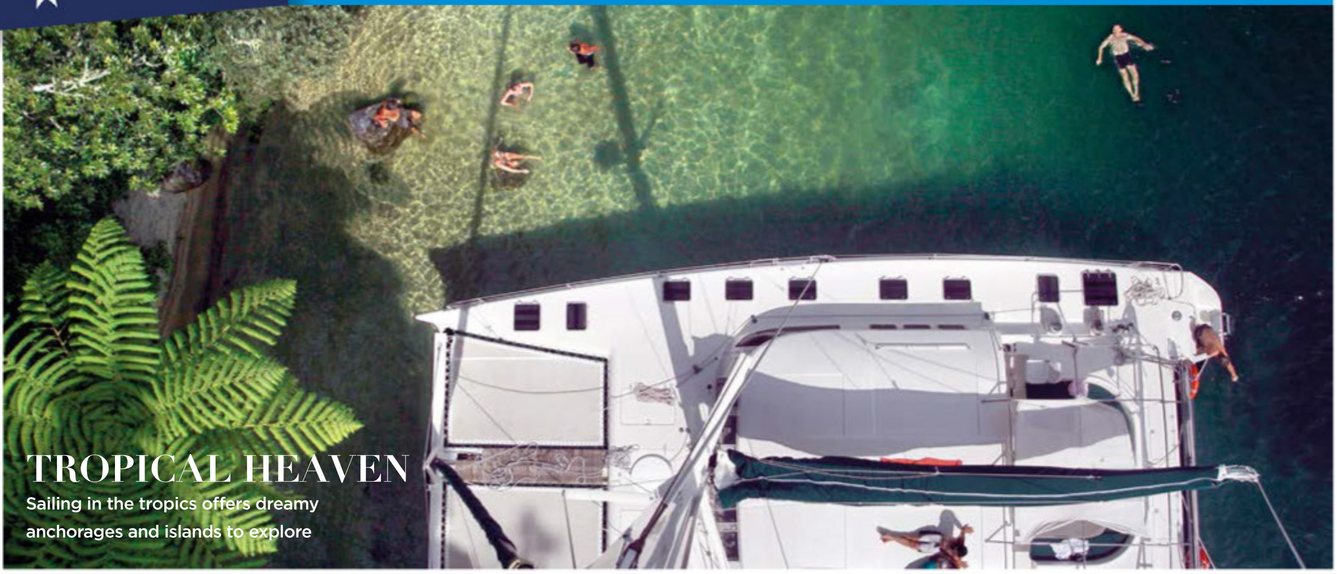
Regardless of where you sail in Turkey, expect a pleasing mix of golden beaches, secluded anchorages and azure waters.

... OR IN FINE ISOLATION

You won't struggle to find peace and quiet on this memorable coastline

There are normally direct flights into Bodrum, only 30 minutes or so away from Bodrum town. Search for flights to Dalaman Airport for Gocek, Fethiye and Marmaris. There are excellent links to all the main charter bases from Dalaman Airport.

AUSTRALIA, NZ ASIA & PACIFIC



TROPICAL HEAVEN

Sailing in the tropics offers dreamy anchorages and islands to explore

Travel restrictions allowing, long-haul charters are popular with holidaymakers seeking new and exotic experiences. Charter companies have set up bases in far-flung placess, and local charter operations are easier to find online too.

Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia offer spectacular cruising with magnificent peaks, cliffs and luscious green hillsides, while beautiful lagoon anchorages offer dazzling white beaches for swimming and snorkelling.

Although Bali currently has few large charter bases, it has over 13,000 tropical islands to explore with local companies, while Thailand's 2,000 miles of coastline with its mix of quiet bays, hidden beaches and vibrant harbours is a newly discovered treat for many. Explore the west coast with a one-way trip from Phuket in Thailad to Langkawi, Malaysia – there are few navigational challenges in the emerald-clear Andaman Sea, while stopovers offer bustling villages and tranquil temples to experience.

Australia's 74 Whitsunday Islands are a spectacular natural landscape set in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef, and they're on many a charterer's bucket list. It's a World Heritage destination teeming with animal life and surrounded by coral and pristine beaches, so ideal for snorkelling and dive fans, as well as for oneness with nature.

Similarly, New Zealand's Bay of Islands on the east coast in the northern region of North Island offers 144 islands and scenic, secluded anchorages all within easy reach of each other. Anchor in the sheltered harbour of Whangaroa with its awe-inspiring backdrop of dramatic headlands and cascading waterfalls, or the contrasting stunning white sand beaches of the nearby Cavalli Island, and chances are you'll never want to leave.

SYDNEY HARBOUR

On every sailor's bucketlist

Only a few companies offer flight-inclusive charters, so you'll need to add the cost of potentially expensive long-haul flights to your holiday, plus local connecting flights or transfers. That said, with 'bucket list' destinations you'll probably only do it once – so why not?

AUCKLAND

Sail in the incredible Hauraki Gulf

PERFECT CONDITIONS

Dream Yacht Worldwide runs a large Australian fleet of yachts and catamarans

Malaysia and Thailand charters are best from November to February when you can expect sunshine and gentle north easterlies. March to May can bring squally rain, while humidity can be oppressive in other months. The Pacific Islands promise sunshine and balmy breezes all year outside the November to April hurricane season. Australia's Whitsunday Islands offers moderate sailing conditions throughout the year, while New Zealand is best from November to April when winds average Force 1 to 4.

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PERFECT BEACHES

The slow pace of island life is not hard to resist by day; things have been known to liven up a little by night...

Yacht charter in the Caribbean is living the dream. Warm trade winds whisk you from one palm-fringed paradise to the next, sailing through vibrant blue waters with turtles and dolphins for company, before relaxing with an exotic cocktail at one of the many beach bars... does life get any better?

The Virgin Islands (British and US) comprise small groups of palm tree-fringed tropical islands with generally line-of-sight navigation, and some of the most idyllic anchorages in the Caribbean. Located in the Leeward Islands, the Virgin Islands offer dependable steady trade winds, sheltered waters and short passages, which make for stress-free sailing for less-experienced crews.

The Leeward Islands (the top half of the Lesser Antilles chain) are well-served with European-style marinas and have bases for many of the well-known charter companies. The French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe is a highlight, with ideal sailing conditions and delicious cuisine ashore, thanks to the blend of French and Creole influences. Guadeloupe is also a good base in which to embark on a passage to Antigua. The further north you head along the chain, the more developed some of the islands become including St Barths, St Martin and Anguilla, which are popular for superyachts.

The southerly part of the Lesser Antilles chain is known as the Windward Islands. The chain of small islands known as the Grenadines, between St Vincent and Carriacou, are rustic and remote and encircle one of the most picturesque 'Robinson Crusoe-style' islets in the world – Tobago Cays. It is now a protected marine park surrounded by shallow reefs, teaming with brightly-coloured fish, and perfect for snorkelling.

VIRGIN ISLANDS, LEEWARD ISLES, WINDWARD ISLES, BAHAMAS

PERFECT ANCHORAGES

Caribbean sailing, with steady trades, is hard to beat, and the anchorages are the icing on the cake

Bequia, Mustique, Cannouan, Mayreau, Union Island and the tiny resort island of Petit St Vincent are a selection of other 'secret' hideaways in the chain, which offer safe anchorages and dreamy clear turquoise water where it is possible to see your anchor in the white sand 10m down.

Grenada, with its abundance of fragrant spice trees including nutmeg, cinnamon cloves, ginger and cocoa, is commonly known as Spice Isle. It is a fantastic island to cruise round but reefs around the coast require careful navigation.

The French island of Martinique is a good choice for those who prefer short distance sailing and a more European style on shore.

Although much of the north of the island is mountainous and lined with lush rain forests, there are numerous beautiful beaches and sheltered anchorages further south with plenty of places of historical interest to visit, and a relatively short sail away from Cul-de-Sac du Marin Marina where most charter yachts are based.

The Bahamas is a coral-based archipelago made up of over 700 islands in the Atlantic Ocean and extending over 500 miles. Lying east of Florida and north of Cuba, it boasts some of the clearest turquoise water on the planet.

Many of the islands are uninhabited and there are plenty of anchorages and deserted beaches.

Among the numerous groups of islands, one of the most popular and least commercialised is Abacos, which extends over 120 miles.

Reefs and shoals mean careful navigation is essential, but a coastline scalloped with coves and bays, and crystal water full of brightly-coloured fish, makes it another snorkelling paradise. Overall, a Caribbean charter is hard to beat.

January to April is high season in the Caribbean. That's when the tropical climate, moderated by the Gulf Stream, provides warm, gentle trade wind breezes. Sailing is fairly straightforward because the wind generally tops out at around Force 4-5 . Occasionally you'll experience a bit of a blow but there are plenty of places to seek shelter should you need it. May-June can produce more wind with high humidity and frequent rainstorms. Late June to late November (officially May-December for insurance purposes) is hurricane season.

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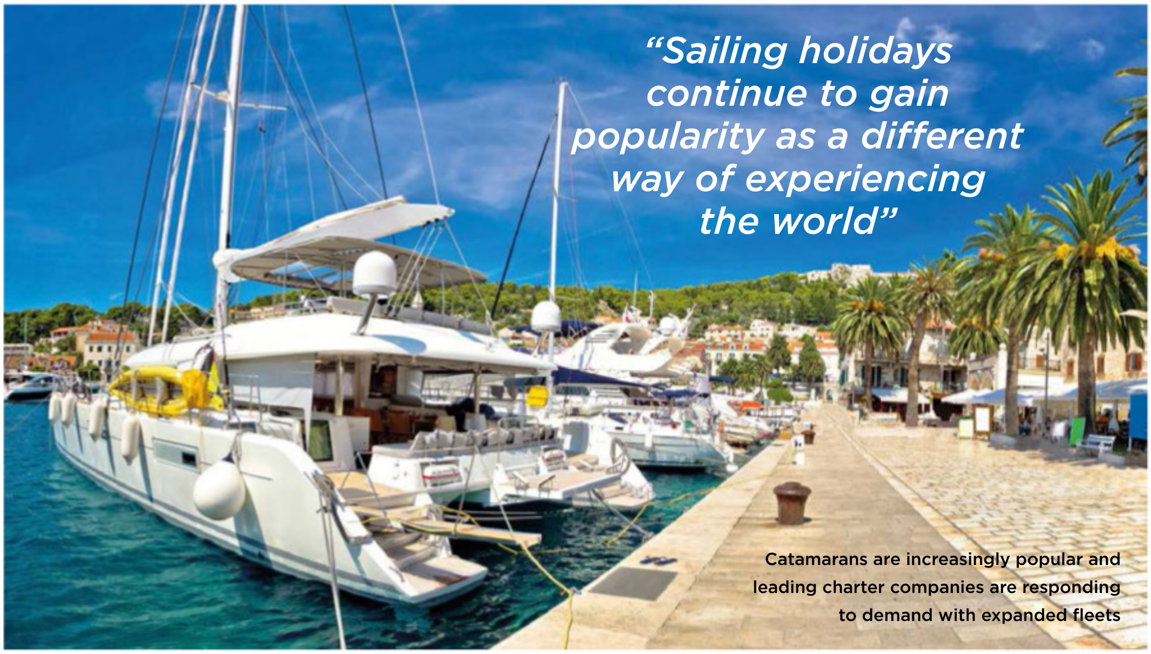
For Antigua and Barbuda and the Leeward Islands, VC Bird International Airport is the hub with direct flights serving the UK.

CHARTER IN 2023: TRENDS AND TIPS

Charter has been booming, as the demand for a break in the sun soars. We talk to leading operators about how 2023 looks



“Sailing holidays continue to gain popularity as a different way of experiencing the world”

Catamarans are increasingly popular and leading charter companies are responding to demand with expanded fleets

Yacht charter became the holiday of choice after the pandemic, with people grabbing the chance to get afloat while they could and savouring the experience all the more for its self-sufficiency and socially distanced nature.

Adverse economic headwinds don’t seem to be slowing the market yet, so far having the effect of encouraging people to book early, seeking the best deals, rather than forego their planned holiday afloat in the sun.

The large number of people who came into the boating sector over the pandemic is also expected to buoy the market through 2023 and beyond.

And yacht charter, while being a distinct luxury, is not something that ever falls off the bucketlist. If you’ve had the pleasure of doing one, you know that you come home feeling revitalised in a way few other holidays can give. If you haven’t, then the photographs, the YouTube videos and the mouth-watering list of destinations is enough to tempt most.

In 2023, the charter experience from start to finish is better than ever, with booking procedures having been streamlined during the pandemic and yacht cleanliness remaining a priority.

As we look towards the coming season in the Med, Caribbean and further afield, we have talked to some of the main players in the industry, who give an insight as to where the market trends are and what customers can expect if they hire a yacht.

Dan Lockyer, Vice President of Global Tourism and CRO for Dream Yacht Group, said: “Sailing holidays continue to gain popularity as a different way of experiencing the world and bringing people together – Dream Yacht Worldwide wants to make the transformative experience of sailing as easy as possible for as many as possible by offering customisable experiences using the knowledge and expertise of our team of sea professionals.

Dream Yacht Worldwide has been born from what was Dream Yacht Charter, now rebranded, with a significantly expanded fleet of 150 new boats for 2023.

Dan said: “Our customers come from around the globe to travel the world – the name change and rebranding was a shift to highlight that we are a worldwide company making sailing accessible to travellers and sea-enthusiasts of all abilities.”

In 2023, Dream Yacht Worldwide is expecting increased interest in skippered charters and in marine tourism generally. The company is launching 150 new boats over the coming season, of which 80% are catamarans, in line with customer demand.

The company’s new boats will include Bali 4.4, Lagoon 51, and Excess 14 catamarans as well as the Bali Catsmart.

The company said that since 2018, the number of catamaran charters rented with skippers to assist with sailing has more than doubled (+133%) in many destinations including across the Mediterranean.

During high season in the Mediterranean (June-September), more than one third of Dream Yacht Worldwide’s catamarans were rented with a skipper, which has been growing steadily since the past years. In French Polynesia, 26% of year-round bookings were with a skipper in 2022; in the French Caribbean, 20% of bookings included a skipper option.

Dan said that Dream Yacht Worldwide would “continue to offer sea travellers the option of crew support including a variety of skipper and hostess offerings to support sailors and non-sailors of all skill levels”.

Caroline Barbour, UK Marketing Manager for Sunsail and The Moorings, said: “The demand for sailing in the Mediterranean continues to be strong in 2023, which is why I am really excited to announce Sunsail has just launched a sensational new flotilla – the Italian Cuisine Ponza Flotilla in Procida. Following the success of our previous flotilla in Portorosa, we this will be available to book for charters departing from July 2023. Guests will have the chance to explore the Amalfi coast and the bay of Naples by sea, an ideal holiday for foodies.

“This year customers can also enjoy our latest bareboat routes from Dubrovnik to Montenegro, plus an updated Ithaca Island hopping flotilla from Lefkas and two-week bareboat charter from Athens, exploring the Cyclades.

> *"Family skippered charters and training are proving popular"*

ABOVE: Charter in UK waters for a great family experience away from the crowds

She said outboard motors would be changed to electric on all Sunsail premier plus monohulls in Agana, Dubrovnik and Lefkas for the 2023 season.

Caroline continued: "For travellers seeking luxury on-the-water experiences, The Moorings has launched the US Virgin Islands as a new base for UK customers who want to experience this exceptional part of the world, as well as the BVIs. We are also thrilled to offer now offer our new two-week charter itinerary from our Athens base."

Marin Susac, Country Manager UK & USA at The GlobeSailor, said: "Charter season 2022 was a record year for GlobeSailor. The report for summer 2022 shows an emerging trend: the arrival of new sailing clientele, first-time sailors, who charter with a skipper, and/or hostess. This trend was accelerated by Covid-19 and the need to isolate and enjoy a vacation away from the crowds. Catamaran charter was the most frequent boat type for this new clientele looking for a comfortable boat. In 2022, 44% of our catamaran charters were chartered with a professional skipper on board.

"The European yacht charter market has consistently expanded in recent years. Greece holds most of the European yacht charter market share with 21% of bookings, followed by Croatia with 19% of bookings.

"There's a rise in marine tourism and a preference for chartering over ownership, due to increasing costs associated with yachts in European and North American markets. We can also see an increase in cabin charters and skippered and fully crewed charters."

Simon Morgan, CEO and co-founder at HELM, said: "The yacht charter industry is certainly buoyant at the moment, bolstered by a record 2022 and looking ahead to an even bigger 2023, but it's not all plain sailing. In general, costs have risen. Charter fees have increased in line with inflation. Charter companies are having to deal with increased marina, fuel, maintenance and parts costs, and have to pass these on. So it's even more important to take advantage of a broker with deep destination and fleet knowledge to help advise, negotiate and navigate the best deals. We're seeing an increased desire for curated experiences, with demand trending towards larger cats - last season the largest catamaran we chartered was a 67ft, now we have several bookings on the Sunreef 80s.

"We'd advise early booking to get the best choice of boats, destinations and dates. The best time to book a charter is always last week, the second best time is now!"

Jonathan Shears, Managing Director of Nautilus Yachting, which offers bareboat and flotilla holidays all over the world, said: "We are finding clients are booking up early to not only secure the best early booking price, but to also get a better choice of yachts or catamaran in their desired cruising area.

"The destinations in high demand are Greece, Croatia and Turkey but more clients are wanting to explore alternative destinations such as Italy (Sardinia and Sicily), France and the Caribbean (BVI, Martinique, Guadeloupe). The cost of a sailing holiday for a family or group of friends is normally cheaper than spending a week in a hotel and enables you to explore a new port every day."

Local charter operators, too, are seeing big demand, with **Chris Warwick of Universal Yachting,** on the Hamble River, saying: "We feel that chartering will be as strong as ever this year. People are increasingly moving back to overseas sailing holidays too, so we are likely to see a return to pre-pandemic levels here in the UK.

"However, clearly for many people their 'fun budget' is being squeezed, which is why we think our 'sailing days' will be popular again for both individuals and groups seeking something a bit different.

"We are also seeing a continuing trend for people wanting to do things as a family so our family skippered charters and training are also proving popular."

Rupert Kenyon, Development Manager at FlexiCharter, where clients pay a monthly fee, said: "We believe FlexiCharter is the best value way of getting onto the water. We now also have our FlexiCrew sailing school. So you can head out onto the water with a qualified skipper and learn as you go. Many of our members come with limited experience but are keen to try more – they have their own personal development plans and continue to make progress whilst they are enjoying sailing."

BELOW LEFT: Bookings are streamlined since the pandemic

BELOW RIGHT: Hand-overs have been made smoother: much of the hand-over procedure can now be done from home

SPECIALIST CHARTERS

RACING

Thrill of the race

Charter and race

Cowes Week, Dartmouth Royal Regatta, the Round the Island Race, the Rolex Fastnet Race – these are just a handful of the many prestigious races and regattas open to all-comers on the English south coast. While screaming around a race course with a spinnaker flying may be anathema to many cruising sailors – and especially while on holiday – there's no doubt the excitement of taking part in one of the yachting world's classic racing events appeals to many competitive souls.

Of course sailing experience will be essential if you're thinking of entering any race on your own yacht, but thanks to the options chartering provides, it's still possible to experience the thrill and excitement of high class racing even if you're a relative novice. There are many charter companies who will be happy to help you fulfil your competitive dreams – for example Sailing Logic is the UK's leading race charter company, and it's conveniently based on the Hamble, offering easy access to the Solent and Isle of Wight. With a fleet of over 50 monohulls, including eight matched First 40s and 16 Oceanis 37s, not only can Sailing Logic organise bareboat and skippered charters for race and regatta entries, but with their sister company Britannia Corporate Events, they can also organise team building events, bespoke sailing days and even full regatta weekends, including VIP hospitality at Cowes Week.

LV Yachting, too, have a choice of race-prepared yachts to charter from racer-cruisers, to Grand Prix racing machines, to multihulls and everything in between.

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CLASSIC

Eda Frandsen, based in Scotland

Traditional sailing holidays

While the majority of charterers look for a modern yacht, for some the appeal of varnished wood and a taste of bygone eras adds an extra dimension.

For big groups, you might consider a Thames barge, for instance the 116-year-old *Thalatta*, which can be hired on the English east coast with a skipper for a weekend or longer. As well as standard charters, *Thalatta* has been taking groups of schoolchildren on voyages since 1967 and many schools return year after year, the children benefitting hugely from the hearty life aboard, one free of devices!

She is part of a well-cared-for Thames barge fleet, many of which are available for charter, for holidays and also for specific Thames sailing barge regattas.

Further north, the 1938 gaff-rigged former fishing vessel *Eda Frandsen*, based in Scotland, is a well-travelled vessel, always putting in hundreds of miles at sea under charter each year. *Eda Frandsen* is, like many of these bigger charter vessels that were built as working boats, extremely seaworthy, able to take on a wider range of sea conditions while keeping those on board comfortable and safe. When you're on a boat that's been around since the early 1900s, you know it's come through far worse weather than you're likely to on a five-day charter break!

The pilot cutter fleet, based around the English south coast and West Country, is of similarly seaworthy ilk, built to withstand the worst of the Western Approaches. Some of the original boats are still around but in a pilot cutter revival over the last three decades a new fleet has grown up, including Merlin (pictured), built in the same way and offering the same renowned seaworthiness. Many of these boats can be found online and chartered for day sails or longer. Many of them offer berths to visit the big French festivals too.

Meanwhile, in a more genteel manner, a holiday afloat on the Norfolk Broads is where many sailors started out and is often cited by the most experienced as their perfect getaway. It's easy boating on the Broads, a relaxed pace of life, and it can be more affordable than some charters. The charter companies there have been doing business for decades, some for more than 100 years, and although some of the boats available are classic, they're comfortable and well-specified inside. You can make your way out to the coast and Great Yarmouth if you fancy it, but most people stay in the sheltered and stunning scenery of the Broads and their interconnecting rivers. If you're new to boating, pootling around for a week on a classic or modern motorboat here can be life-changer.

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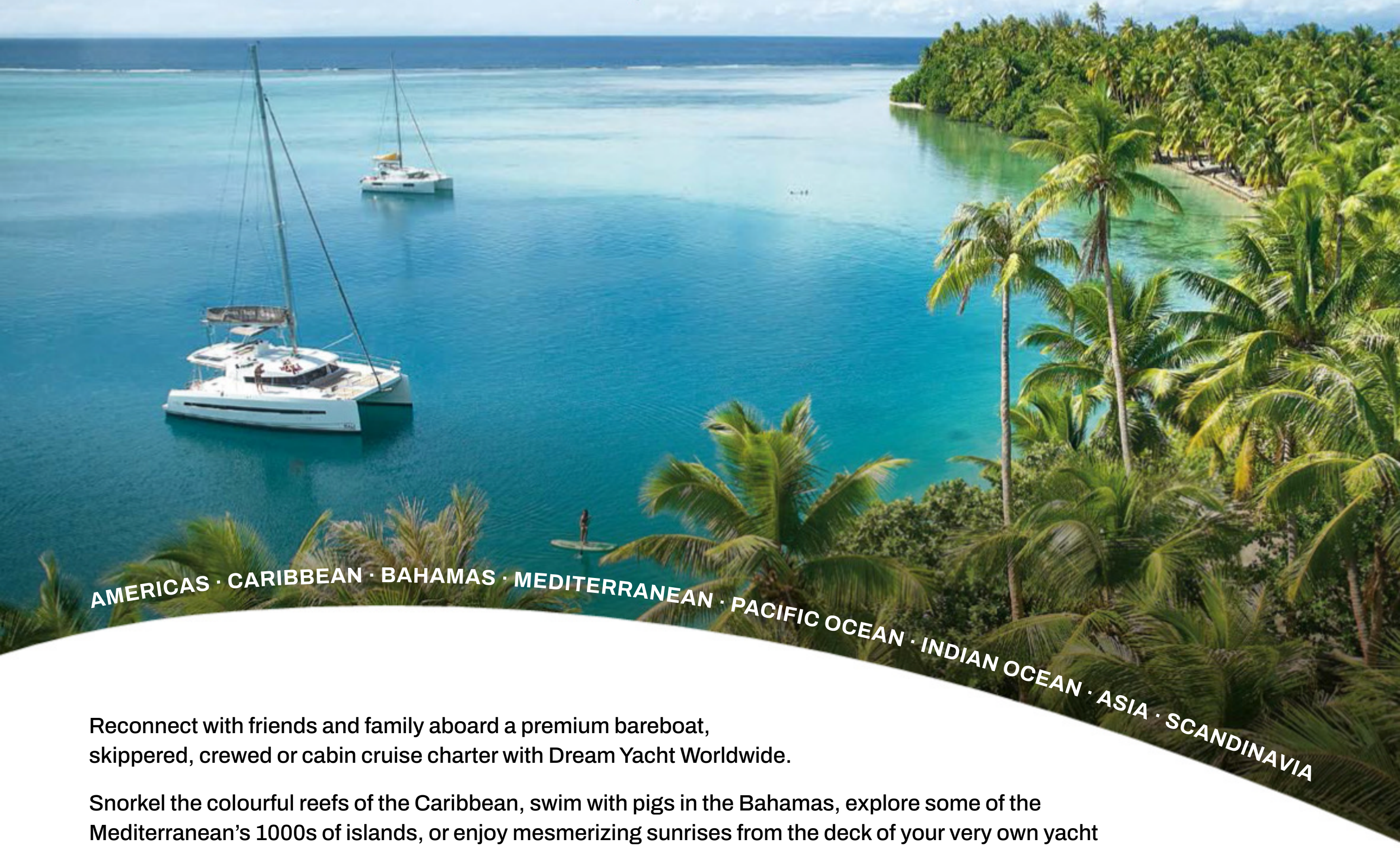

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